

SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA 67 NEWSLETTER



2ND QUARTER 2025

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NEWSLETTER NAMING CONTEST!

Our newsletter name could use a spruce! If you have an idea for a new name, submit it! Emphasis on the theme of service is ideal although not necessary—we want all ideas! *Best submission will receive the honor of renaming our Newsletter and an A.A. book.*



DEADLINE EXTENDED
JULY 7, 2025

Judged by the
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Conference Report

AA Grapevine June 1951

“The delegates did, however, give unanimous opinion on vital phases of the overall AA Program. First—they expressed **wholehearted willingness to assume guidance of the AA policy** and **to take responsibility for financial support** of The Alcoholic Foundation and its related services. . . . In this inaugural acceptance of the Third Legacy, AA, through this excellent cross-section of its membership, was stepping forward to assume responsibility for its own affairs. *AA was beginning to come of age.*”

Why Do We Need a Conference?

“We may not need a General Service Conference to ensure our own recovery. We do need it to ensure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to ensure the recovery of a child being born tonight, destined for alcoholism. . . .

. . . . We need it to ensure A.A. against government, while insulating it against anarchy We need it so that Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous alone, is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Traditions, and all of its services.

. . . . We need it to ensure that the doors of the halls of A.A. never have locks on them, so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unasked and feel welcome. We need it to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is.”

By Bernard Smith, Class A Trustee, *The A.A. Service Manual*, page 40

Concept II

When, **in 1955, the A.A. groups** confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby **made the Conference**—excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter—the actual voice and **the effective conscience for our whole Society**. [*The Steps have been protected since 1957.*]

A.A. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Vancouver, BC, Canada July 3-6, 2025

SETA SPEAKS AT IC

Friday, July 4, 2025 *Central Time Zone

11:00 AM Bahiyyah W.

11:30 AM Debi F.
"Pain: The Touchstone
of Growth"

11:30 AM Kate E.
"A Society of Alcoholics
in Action"

1:30 PM Deborah D.
"SW U.S. – Meet Your
Neighbors"

5:00 PM Allise B.
"Anonymity in Our
Public Message"

5:30 PM Danny G.
"A.A. Tomorrow"

No need to live in
Vancouver to help
people feel
welcome!
Just bring
your A.A.
love

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ICVWC2025.ORG

- Subscribers to the Volunteer Welcome Committee's **mailing list** receive updates and information about volunteering.
- **VolunteerHub** is a **separate** platform used to organize and schedule volunteer shifts.
- Each volunteer will need to create a profile on VolunteerHub before they can select volunteer shifts.
- **Grapevine** volunteering is a separate Google Form + email.



Language of the Heart
Lenguaje del corazón
Le langage du cœur



@alcoholicsanonymousworldse1373

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▶ The International Convention is Coming Soon!

Celebrating A.A.'s First 90 Years

Volunteer

Booth/Kiosk Attendant
Grapevine News Carrier
App Ambassador
Workshop Facilitator
Podcast Participant

Online Volunteer Form
IC2025Outreach
@aagrapevine.org

NEW WAYS TO PAY AND WATCH THE VIRTUAL PROGRAM SESSION TRACK

The General Service Board approved a tiered pricing registration option that is now being added for Groups and Information Gathering Watch parties. Intergroups/Central offices, districts, areas, and local AA groups have requested this option.

A Group and Information Gathering Watch party coordinator must register and pay a 2025 International Convention Virtual Program Session Track registration fee based on a tiered number of watch party attendees as follows:

1. 6-20 attendees = \$200.00 (USD)
2. 21-30 attendees = \$300.00 (USD)
3. 31-40 attendees = \$400.00 (USD)
4. 41-50 attendees = \$500.00 (USD)



You can register for this "Watch party" viewing option at [this link](#) or by scanning the QR code.

2025 A.A. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

VOLUNTEER WELCOME

COMMITTEE

WE NEED YOU!

The following subcommittees could really use **YOUR** help!

Transportation Hub Greeters

Welcome visitors as they arrive by plane or by train and be their first Convention contact in our beautiful city

Skytrain Greeters

Greet folks at Skytrain stations, give high fives, and help people navigate their way to the Convention!

Hotel Lobby Greeters

Make connections with guests as they arrive to their hotels while taking an opportunity to sit while greeting!

Visit
www.icvwc2025.org
to learn how to
SIGN UP
for these
incredible volunteer
opportunities!

P75 Delegate's Corner

Our Delegate has been hard at work preparing for the Panel 75 General Service Conference. She has now shared our Area conscience and come to consensus with the other 136 Conference Delegates. Watch for exciting news in Christina's Report-backs and the next Newsletter! She will Report back at the Area 67 Assembly on July 26th and at Districts. Check with your DCM for the date.

On behalf of Christina S.
Delegate Panel 75 Area 67 SETA

AA Grapevine
July 1955
THE CONFERENCE IS BORN by Bill W.

OUR Twelfth Step—carrying the message—is the basic service that AA's Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, AA is more than a set of principles; it is a *society of alcoholics in action*. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth will die.

Announcement!

The Post-Conference **Assembly** and Delegate's report has been rescheduled to July 26th. San Jacinto Junior College is unavailable on the 19th due to maintenance. See the agenda page on the SETA website or your DCM for more information.

The **Area Committee** meeting will be virtual on July 19th at 9am.



ALL MEMBERS WELCOME AT BOTH!



IT HELP WANTED!

We have volunteer opportunities that cater to various skill levels, from tech-savvy professionals to enthusiastic beginners. **Ready to get involved or want more information?** Scan the QR Code or browse to <https://forms.gle/Sywy1mGVxHSwY2Gq5>



SETA Newsletter Proposed Guidelines

(to be voted on at July or October Assembly)

Motion: Adopt the following as the Guidelines for the Newsletter, replacing all previous Area Actions regarding the Newsletter:

- The methods for **Area Newsletter distribution** are via:
 - Email to **SETA-Announce**,
 - Website: Homepage** (temporary) & **Newsletter page** (permanent), and
 - Print** distribution of the 8-page color Newsletter via DCMs with quantity determined by budget approval without requiring amendment of this Area Action. Currently 250 English and 100 Spanish.
- For 11th & 12th Tradition **anonymity** purposes, contact information in the Newsletter is limited to:
 - SETA position-based email addresses (preferred),
 - SETA individual addresses with first names and last initials if no position-based address is appropriate, and
 - no last names or phone numbers, including those incorporated in email addresses.
- The Newsletter will carry the following **policy statements** as appropriate to the issue. For example, the Newsletter will not A.A.W.S. or the Grapevine if the edition contains no excerpts from them.
 - The Newsletter focuses on service-related pieces relevant to SETA and will consider and credit any reputable A.A. source whose piece is published. Uncredited pieces are from the Newsletter Committee.
 - The Newsletter Editor reserves the right to edit or decline to publish any submission that is not service-related, otherwise inappropriate, or for editorial needs. The Newsletter's print page limit is dictated by the budget so not all submissions can be published. Items may be held for another issue or digital supplements may be published beyond the page limit in the case of particularly useful items that cannot fit in the print edition.
 - Excerpts from *Alcoholics Anonymous*, the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, *The A.A. Service Manual* or other Conference-approved literature are printed with permission of A.A.W.S., Inc.
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Suggestions are welcome. newsletter@aa-seta.org

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[First] Conference Report

AA GRAPEVINE JUNE 1951

On behalf of AA members in their [37] respective territories, these **delegates met primarily to decide whether to accept the Third Legacy** handed down from AA's founders, Bill W. and the late Dr. Bob. The first two legacies, already held in trust by the membership, are the Twelve Steps of Recovery and the Twelve Traditions of AA.

The Third Legacy is . . . the privilege of accepting full present and future responsibility for the General Services of Alcoholics Anonymous.

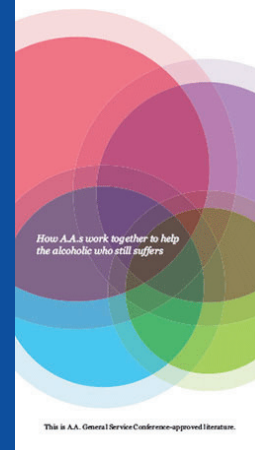


1953 General Service Conference

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Pamphlet of the Quarter

Circles of Love and Service

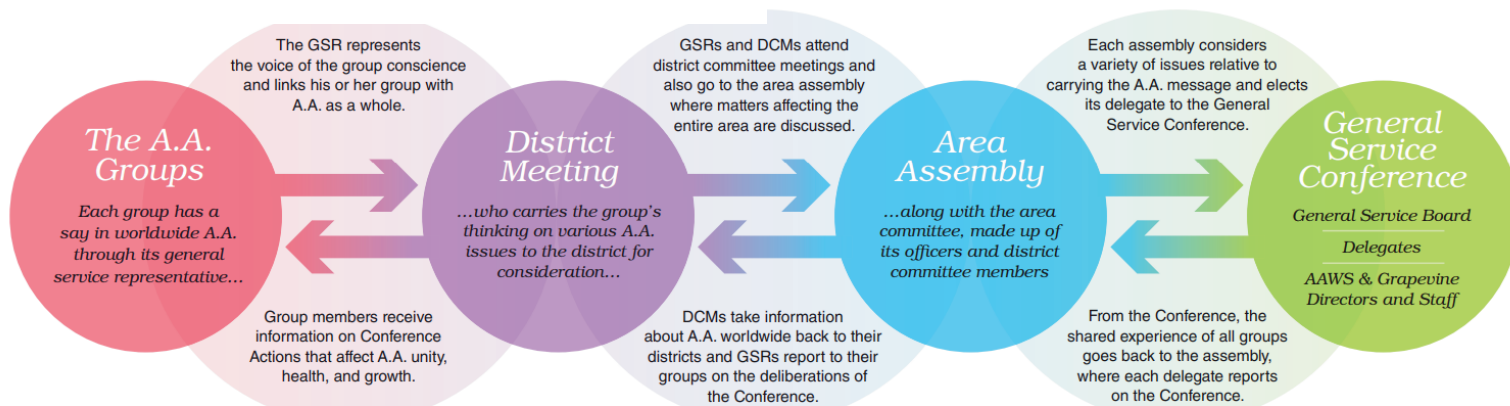


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What is the General Service Conference?

A conference linking the A.A. groups to the General Service Office and the General Service Board. It serves as the group conscience for A.A. in the U.S. and Canada. Although the Conference meets for

only six days a year, the Conference members are active in Conference affairs throughout the year. Every A.A. group shares its experience with other groups through its area delegate to the Conference.



General Service Conference Typical Voter Proportions

Staff-AAWS & GV

11.1%

Non-Trustee Directors

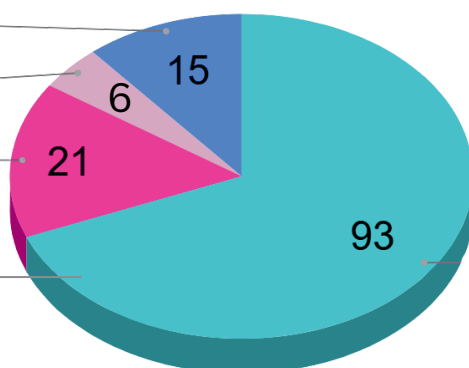
4.4%

Trustees

15.6%

Area Delegates

68.9%



Our Primary Purpose

Official Podcast of the
General Service Office
Alcoholics Anonymous®



SEASON 1
EPISODE 8

LEADING

WITH

SERVICE

Interview

with Bob W.,
General Mgr.,
GSO



The General Service Conference

adapted from
The A.A. Service Manual

Why have a General Service Conference?

It is **our collective group conscience** of US/Canada A.A. It conducts the business of A.A.

Why is the service structure important?

It ensures that **the groups . . . have a voice** in the affairs of their own Fellowship. . . . [Y]et, it is much more than this. A.A. was there for you when you needed it. The work you do as a trusted servant in general service helps **ensure that A.A. will be there** when alcoholics come for help **in the future**.

Page 6, FAQ 1. See Appendix V, p. 172, *Stimulating Interest in General Service*.

What do they do at the Conference?

- They listen to **reports** from each of the 3 Boards and each of the Trustees' Committees and ask questions. Early in the week the Conference Committees meet to discuss and vote on Agenda Items. Each committee brings a report to the general session later in the week with **recommendations** by the committee for discussion & **voting** and Committee Considerations for the Boards & Staff to think about.
- Then recommended **Floor Actions** that have not passed through the committee process are presented and voted on.
- **Advisory Actions** are recommendations that have been approved by the Conference with substantial unanimity (>2/3). They are then referred to Trustees, G.S.O. or corporate boards for implementation.
- This is the work of the Conference that is then **reported back** to the groups of A.A. in their Districts and Areas.

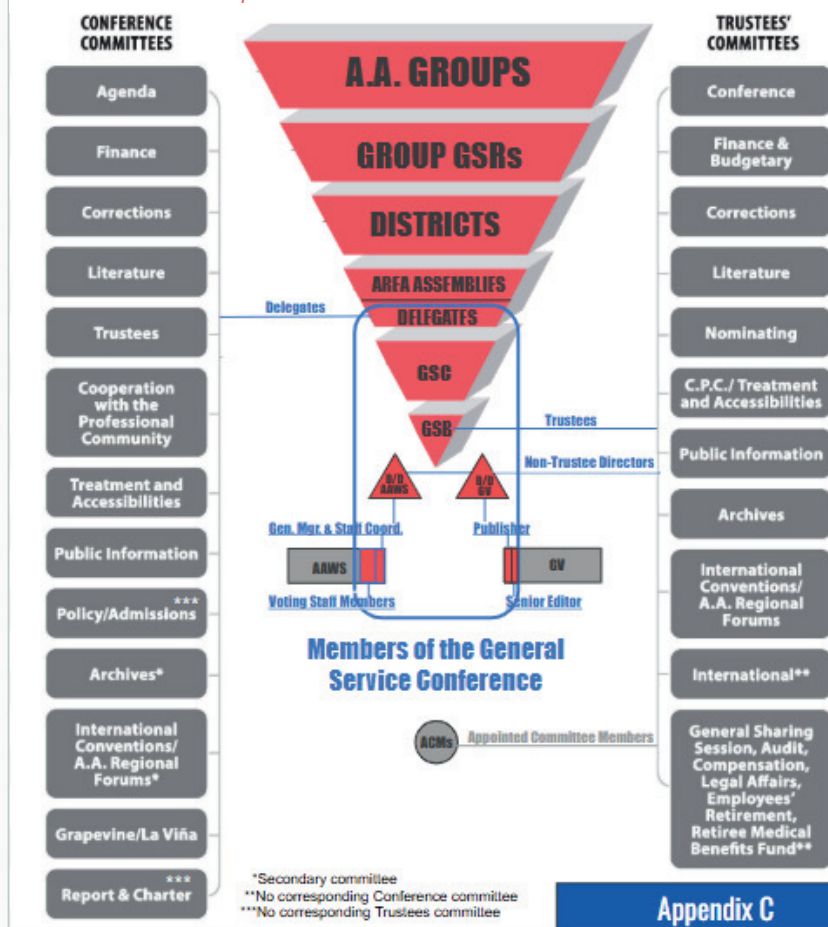
July SETA Newsletter

Topics: P75 Advisory Actions
Traditions 1 & 2 / Concepts 1 & 2

Deadline: July 7th

The Upside-Down Triangle

adapted from The A.A. Service Manual



Appendix C

Conference Spirit

AA GRAPEVINE AUGUST 1977

But the ultimate purpose of [the Conference] gave it an atmosphere that lifted all the proceedings far above drudgery. The pervading spirit was summed up beautifully by one of GSO's nonalcoholic employees. Shirley Grant, supervisor of the Stenographic Department, spontaneously wrote this note to the general manager, April 23:

After Conference week, I am overwhelmed and grateful to know that the mountains of paper and folders, millions of words, hours of meetings, and efforts to keep a department running efficiently and smoothly (tasks sometimes tedious and sometimes routine) all really translate into helping and reaching out there.

To see everyone who is part of the Conference unselfishly spending unbelievable hours a day, not for prestige or personal gain, but for concern for others, being total human beings, is indeed a rarity in our blasé society. To spend a week with people who love and respect each other, who might disagree but never forget their common purpose—to be in that kind of environment, even for a short while—is a recharge for me personally, and makes everything seem worthwhile. Thank you for one of the most memorable experiences of my life.

Shirley Grant

FELLOWSHIP READY FOR RESPONSIBILITY

from A.A.'s *Legacy of Service* by Bill W., 1951

[In 1950, the founders realized] that A.A. had grown up, that our Fellowship was ready and able to take these responsibilities from us. There was also another urgent reason for change. Since we oldtimers couldn't live on forever, newer trustees would be virtually unknown to the A.A. groups, now spread over the whole earth. Without direct linkage to A.A., future trustees couldn't possibly function alone.

This meant that **we had to form a conference representing our membership** which could meet yearly with our board of trustees in New York, **and thus assume direct responsibility for the guardianship of A.A. tradition and the direction of our principal service affairs.** Otherwise, a virtually unknown board of trustees and our too little understood service headquarters operations would someday be bound to face collapse. Suppose that future trustees, acting quite on their own, were to make a serious blunder. Suppose that with no linkage to A.A., they tried to act for us in time of great trouble or crisis. With no direct guidance from A.A. as a whole, how could they do this? Collapse of our top services would then be inevitable. And if, under such conditions, our world services did fall apart, how could they ever be reconstructed? These, briefly, were the conclusions that led to the formation of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous. . . .

See *The A.A. Service Manual*, Appendix A, pg.1 or pg. 95.

Illustration pg. 5.

THE CONFERENCE IS BORN

AA GRAPEVINE JULY 1955

By: Bill W.

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[T]he Conference agreed that the Alcoholic Foundation ought to be renamed as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous The word **"Foundation" stood for charity**, paternalism and maybe big money. AA would have none of these; **from here out we would assume full responsibility and pay our expenses ourselves.**

As I watched all this grow, I became entirely sure that Alcoholics Anonymous was at last safe—even from me. . . .

P75 CONFERENCE AGENDA ITEMS

Selected by our Delegate
for special consideration

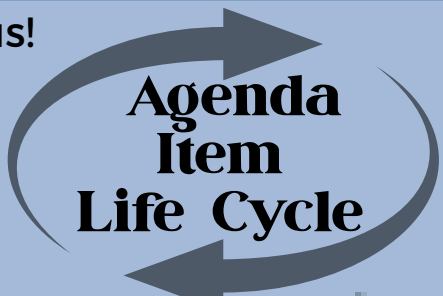
Listed by Conference Committee and Item

Each item links to its background material

1. **Corrections - Item E** - Consider request to update Appendix IV in the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* to include other awards and commendations received by AA since 1951.
2. **Finance - Item F** - Consider a request to remove the phrase, "A group may also decline to hear reports from a GSR at all" from page 10 in *The A.A. Service Manual*.
3. **Grapevine/LaViña - Item F** - Consider request to revise the pamphlet "Grapevine and La Viña: Our meetings in print."
4. **Literature - Item J** - Consider request that the Twelve Concepts for World Service and essays on the Twelve Concepts for World Service be included in the current publication *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*.
5. **Literature - Item K** - Consider request to update the book *Living Sober*.
6. **Policy/Admissions - Item E** - Consider a request that a Super Majority of voting members be required to change or amend Founders' Literature.
7. **Report & Charter - Item A3** - Consider a request to remove the word "woman" from the Concept IV essay.
8. **Report & Charter - Item B** - Consider a request to expand Article 3 in the Conference Charter to protect the co-Founders' writings.
9. **Trustees - Item G** - Consider the request to include the version of A.A. *Comes of Age*, Lasker Award text in the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
10. **International Conventions/Regional Forums - Item C** - Consider that all Sovereign States flags be a part of the Flag Ceremony at an International Convention.

eBonus!

**Agenda
Item
Life Cycle**



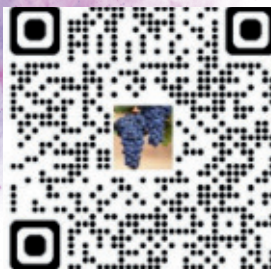
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ASL LSM LSQ

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to all deaf members

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78th Annual
TexAs State Convention

August 15-17, 2025 – Houston, TX

“Service is Love in Action”

AA Speakers

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Donny M., Winnipeg, CA
Tammy Z., Spruce Pine, NC
Racy J. (GSO), NYC, NY
Wayne H., Frisco, TX
Hector H. (Spanish) El Salvador

AI-Anon

Magdalena E., Seattle, WA



Royal Sonesta Hotel

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Houston, TX 77027
713-627-7600 (Direct)
800-766-3782 (Reservations)

\$149 Room Rate

Convention Code 081525TXSAA
Cut-off for \$149 rate is 7/18/2025
Self-Parking: \$22.50/day

Convention Attractions

- 1st Timer Contest
 - AA Meetings
 - Archives Room
 - Hospitality Suite
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 - Spanish Speakers
 - Spanish Translation (Bring your own earbuds)
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Website: txaaconvention.org | Email: info.houstontsc@gmail.com

PRE-REGISTRATION ENDS 8/1/2025

GRAPEVINE EDITORIAL
CALENDAR 2026FEB. Getting Through Tough Times
DUE July 1, 2025

How has the program and Fellowship helped you stay sober through serious adversity?

MAR. Families and AA

DUE Aug. 1, 2025

Are any other members of your family alcoholic and in AA? Share your family recovery stories.

APR. Getting into General Service

DUE Sept. 1, 2025

Ever been a GSR? . . . a DCM? . . . a delegate? Have you worked on area committees? Share the joys of doing this kind of service—it just might inspire others! (plus preview of brand new GV Book on “Gratitude”)

The AA Grapevine
Half-Hour Variety Hour
aagrapevine.org/podcast

I Fell in Love with AA

AA Grapevine's Podcast
Season 4, Episode 22

Val M. from Vancouver, BC, talks about her sober date of July 2, the day after a Canada Day party. She learned early to go to lots of meetings and to include a Step meeting and a Big Book meeting each week. Val tells an inspiring story about God's intervention as she headed to a liquor store.



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Q3
SETA
Newsletter
Deadline
July 7th

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Archives Committee

• Treasurer • IT Liaison

Public Information

Committee Chair Needed

Houston Intergroup

The Link News Letter
Seeks a volunteer editor

AREA 67
NEWSLETTER

NEEDS A NEW NAME!

ALSO, WE COULD USE HELP WITH

- Typesetting (Eng & Span)
- Calendar Coord. (both)
- Linker (Eng or Span)
- Roving Reporter(s) (both)
- Proofreader (Spanish)
- Distribution (both)

No monthly meetings!



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AREA 67 LINKS & CHANGES

AA-SETA.ORG GSRs
SETA P&P GSC 75 DCMs

Archives



New: 3rd Mondays 7pm
Corrections (CFC)
3rd Wednesdays 7:30-9pm
Professional (CPC)
1st Mondays 7:30pm
Finance
3rd Wednesdays 8pm
Grapevine
3rd Thursdays 7pm
Information Technology (IT)
Last Saturdays 11am-1pm
Literature
3rd Tuesdays 7:30pm-8:30pm
Multi-Lingual
New: 1st Tuesday 8pm
Newsletter
No standing meetings
Public Information (PI)
New: Last Tuesdays 6pm
SETA Convention
No standing meetings
State Convention (SCAP)
No standing meetings
Treatment (TFC)
New: 4th Wednesdays 7pm

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EVENTS

 In Person
 Online

JULY

3-6 (Vancouver, BC)  
A.A. International Convention

19 (Online)  **NEW DATE!**
Area Committee Meeting


26 (Houston)   **NEW DATE!**
SETA Q3 General Assembly

AUG.

8-10 (Beaumont D90) 
44th District 90 Convention


15-17 (Houston) 
78th Texas State Convention

SEPT.

5-7 (Houston) 
**28th SETA Correctional Facility
Conference**

OCT.

11 (Houston)  
SETA Q4 General Assembly

24-26 (Houston) 
**Texas State Conference of
Young People in A.A.
(TXSCYPAA)**

NOV.

14-16 (Albuquerque, NM) 
SW Regional Forum 2025

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Information for New Trusted Servants
Information for Service Committees

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A.A. ONLINE BOOKSTORE



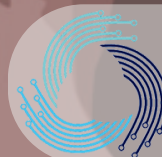
Meeting Guide App

AA GRAPEVINE.ORG

GRAPEVINE App

INTERGROUPS

9th District IG Houston IG
3rd Thursdays 8pm 3rd Thursdays 8pm
(even-numbered months)



ONLINE INTERGROUP
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Image from P-21 A.A. for the Native North American

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January 23-25th, 2026

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3950 I-10 South, Beaumont, TX, 77705

Room Rates:

Standard King - \$109

Standard Double - \$119

Corporate Suite - \$129

Booking available June 2025....more will be revealed

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